Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*) : The Bill may be referred to the same Select Committee.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. Deputy President: The question is that the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill be referred to the same Select Committee.

Motion put and carried

(vi) The Cochin Shops and Establishments Bill

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* I move that the Cochin Shops and Establishments Bill may be read in the Council.

Mr. K. I. Velayudhan (*Ezhuvas-Talappally*): I second it.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. ഡീവർ: ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു ഒന്നും പറയേണ്ടതായിട്ടില്ല. മിസ്റ്റർ അച്യുതമേനോന്റെ ബില്ലിലെ വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ തന്നെയാണ് മിക്കവാറും എന്റെ ബില്ലിലും ഉള്ളത്. അല്പം ചില വ്യത്യാസങ്ങൾ ഉള്ളതു് ഒഴിവു കൊടുത്താൽ ആ ഒഴിവു ദിവസത്തിനുള്ള കാര്യം അവരുടെ കുലിയിൽനിന്നു കുറക്കുവാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നതാണ്. ഈ ബില്ലും അതേ സിലക്ട് കമ്മിറ്റിയെതന്നെ ഏല്പിച്ചു ആലോചിക്കണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അപേക്ഷ. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ ബില്ലിനെ എല്ലാവരും അനുകൂലിക്കുമെന്നു് ഞാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): With respect to this Bill also the Government's position is the same as was explained in the case of Mr. Achutha Menon's Bill. The Government therefore suggest that the Bill may be referred to the same Select Committee that is appointed to consider Mr. Achutha Menon's Bill.

Mr. Deputy Peesident : The question is that the Cochin Shops and Establishments Bill may be read in the Council.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is the Cochin Shops and Establishments Bill.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Advoaate-General*): I move that this Bill be referred to the same Select Committee which is appointed to consider Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon's Bill.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (*Chief Secretary to Gevernment*): I second it.

Mr. Deputy President: The question is that the Bill be referred to the same Select Committee.

Motion put and carried

(vii) The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhathassan *(Oorakam):* I move that leave to introduce the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Blll be granted.

Mr. P. Mani (*Kanayannur*): I second it.

Mr. Depuy President: The question is that the House may grant leave to introduce the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill.

Motion put and carried

(viii) The Cochin Verumpattamdars (Condonaion of forfeiture) Bill

Mr. K. T. Achyutan (*Ezhuvas Mukundapuram*) : I move that leave to introduce the Cochin Verumpattamdars (Condonation of forfeiture) Bill be granted.

Mr. K. I. Velayudhan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): I second it,

Mr. Deputy President: The question is that the House may grant leave to introduce the Cochin Verumpattamdars (Condonation of forfeiture) Bill.

Motion put and carried

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APPENDIX XIII

THE COCHIN VERUMPATTAMDARS (CONDONATION OF FORFEITURE) BILL

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to give relief to certain Verumpattamdars from eviction; It is hereby enacted as follows·—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Cochin Verumpattamdars (Condonation of Forfeiture) Act of 112 .

(2) It extends to the whole of Cochin and it shall come into force at once.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, where in any suits instituted before the 12th day of Meenam 1119 or in any review, appeal or revision against any decree or order passed therein when a Verumpattamdar is sought to be evicted on the grounds specified in clause (*c*) or clause (*d*) of section 8 of the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act, VIII of 1118, the Courts shall, if the Verumpattamdar deposits within 90 days of the passing of the Act in the Courts in which the suits, review, appeal of revision is pending, or in the case of a decree in the Courts executing or competent to execute the decree, the pattam and puravaka dues and interest thereon legally recoverable or decreed, as the case may be and unless covered by the decree and the arrears of pattam, puravaka dues and interests thereon which have accrued due subsequent to the date of the plaint up to the date of deposit and the full costs with interest thereon at 6 per cent per annum to the plaintiff or the decree-holder, pass an order condoning the forfeiture and thereupon the Verumpattamdar shall hold the property as if the default had not occurred·

Objects and Reasons

The Act VIII of 1118 and the subsequent amending Acts and Proclamations gave undoubtedly substantial relief to the unprotected Verumpattam tenants of our State· But there are some genuine cases pending in our Courts in which eviction shall be ordered in spite of clause (*d*) of sub-section (1) of section 8 of Act VIII and the correcting section 3 of Act XV of 1118. It is only equitable and just that such Verumpattamdars without being unnecessarily attacked of their careless conduct may be lastly relieved of their heart-burn and misery arising out of their imminent eviction. Hence the Bill.

(Sd.)
K. T. ACHYUTHAN

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